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MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

21 August 1953

Present

Members: [REDACTED], CIA, Chairman

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[REDACTED] CIA  
Stanley Wilcox, State  
Charles Stanley, State (for John Lacey)  
H. J. Gordon, Jr., Army

Consultants: Margaret Vallance, State

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[REDACTED] CIA  
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1. The ninth meeting convened at 1400 hours, 21 August 1953, in Room 2125 M Building. Minutes of the eighth meeting were approved.

2. Section 2f of the Agenda: Should FPD do only straight reporting or would insertion of factual comments be advisable or desirable where appropriate?

State (Mr. Wilcox): Comments should be based on source material or knowledge capable of documentation. In either case such comments should be clearly labeled as such, and FPD should be able to support comments if requested or challenged by consumer.

Army (Mr. Gordon): Army finds them acceptable and useful if clearly marked.

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CIA [REDACTED] Comments on known facts germane to the report which can be tied to a source are acceptable when clearly identified as such.

3. Section 2g of the Agenda: How can closer liaison between FPD and consumer analysts be developed?

State (Mr. Wilcox): Two types of liaison are desirable: formal and informal. The formal type to insure that the informal type functions. The latter is most valuable on operational level. Such informal contact should be checked periodically through formal liaison between Branch and Division heads.

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Army (Mr. Gordon): Army considers the following types of liaison desirable: 1) informal liaison, which is most effective due to changing of military personnel; 2) FDD personnel who are reservists should arrange for active duty in G-2, and those who are not reservists should spend a few days in G-2 to acquaint themselves with requirements; and 3) direct telephone liaison for unclassified operational material.

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CIA [REDACTED] Good liaison arrangements exist, but should be backed up by annual seminars between FDD and consumer offices within CIA. A division by division semiannual review of requirements served on FDD would be useful.

4. Section 3 of the Agenda: Are present efforts in translation service of the IAC agencies effectively meeting the needs of consumers?

State (Mr. Wilcox): State's Division of Language Services is generally satisfactory. CTS is very serviceable and is being used by State Department analysts.

Army (Mr. Gordon): Translation Section of G-2 Service Branch is adequate for Army needs. CTS not too useful for military material, most of which has been done by Army, but useful for other items.

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CIA [REDACTED] Service is about as good as the requirements; it can be improved by knowing what FDD's potential is in a given field.

5. With completion of discussion of the last point on the Agenda dealing with USSR publications, the Chairman stated that comments made on all points of the Agenda would be collated for attachment to the minutes of the ninth meeting.

6. At this point Army (Mr. Gordon) reminded the committee that consideration of point 2b of the Agenda, "Which publications and which subjects should receive priority processing?", had been postponed. It was agreed that further discussion on publications was not necessary. As to subject priorities, the following statements were made:

State (Mr. Wilcox): Priority should be given to political, sociological, economic, and biographic topics in that order.

Army (Mr. Gordon): Priority should be given to military personalities, order of battle information, and military support activities such as transportation, sanitation, cartography, etc. in that order.

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CIA [REDACTED] ORR/CIA wants economic and technological information. [REDACTED] stated he was not able to speak for the other offices of CIA.

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7. Agenda for next meeting is the conclusion of discussion on the processing of USSR publications.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1530 hours, 21 August 1953. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, 4 September 1953 in Room 1514 M Building.

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